

**PRESS RELEASE****No. 1 of January 7, 2005****regarding the main short term indicators in November and during 1.I-30.XI.2004**

During 1.I-30.XI.2004, **manufacturing production** registered a growth of 5.6% as against the same period of previous year; per total branch, gross index was 104.6%. In November 2004, as against November 2003, gross index of **industrial production** increased by 8.3%.

Total turnover¹⁾ of enterprises having industry as their main activity was, in real terms, by 9.9% higher than in the same period of previous year, during 1.I.-31.X.2004.

Main resources of primary energy amounted to 37308.2 thousand tons equivalent oil²⁾, during 1.I-30.XI.2004, of which 22894.9 thousand tons equivalent oil²⁾ from domestic production.

Livestock, according to the data provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Rural Development, existent on November 30, 2004, amounted to 3041.9 thousand heads cattle, 7003.0 thousand heads pigs and 8580.7 thousand heads sheep and goats.

During 1.I-31.X.2004, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade** (except trade of motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 12.0% over the level registered in the same period of 2003, higher growths being obtained both for sales of non-food goods (+13.4%), and for sales of food goods (+10.3%). In October 2004, in comparison with the same month of 2003, turnover obtained from **retail trade** was by 8.3% higher (+9.9% for food goods and +7.2% for non-food goods).

Turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles** registered during January-October 2004 was by 11.4% higher than in the same period of 2003, being supported by the growth both of turnover volume from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+14.9%) and of turnover obtained from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles (+7.4%). In October 2004, as against October 2003, turnover obtained from this activity was by 9.8% higher, mainly due to higher turnover obtained from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+16.7%).

¹⁾ Total turnover from main activity and from secondary activities of industrial enterprises.

²⁾ Conventional fuel with calorific power of 10 000 kcal/kg.

During 1.I-31.X.2004, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** pointed out a turnover by 13.1% higher than in the same period of previous year. In comparison with the same month of previous year, a growth of 5.2% was registered in October 2004.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **the number of unemployed registered** at the end of November 2004 was 551.4 thousands. In comparison with November 2003, the number of unemployed registered at agencies for employment was by 104 thousand persons lower. Of total registered unemployed, women represented 42.9 %.

Unemployment rate registered in November 2004 was 6.2% in relation to total civil active population (6.1% in the previous month and 7.2% in November 2003). Female unemployment rate was 5.6% (6.6% in November 2003) and male unemployment rate was 6.6% (7.8% in November 2003).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Hunedoara (11.3%), Braşov (10.8%) and Vaslui (10.6%). The lowest unemployment rates were recorded in the counties: Satu Mare (1.5%), Bihor (1.9%), Timiş (2.5%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.7%).